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COUNTY OFFICERS WITH BLOODHOUND TRAIL MURDERER

Intensive Man Hunt Staged in Section Following Slaying at Cumnock

HARVEY WALLACE SOUGHT

The most intensive man hunt ever staged in Moore county was carried on last week with county officers and scores of private citizens putting forth every effort to capture Harvey Wallace, colored, one of the alleged slayers of Thomas Beal and N. H. Perry at Cumnock more than two weeks ago. More than once the officers are thought to have been hot on the trail, but each time the man has eluded capture. Bloodhounds from Lumberton, Smithfield and Fayetteville have been called in to aid in the search.

The Moore county men were on Wallace's trail on Wednesday afternoon, but when night came they were forced to allow the dogs to rest. Late Thursday the trail was again picked up and another dog called in, but with no success.

About sundown Thursday evening Wallace was seen leaving a tobacco barn in the Cameron section and the story goes that he went to the home of a colored man who at the time was eating his supper, without speaking a word walked in and laid a .45 revolver on the table and began helping himself to the supper before greeting his host. The officers at this time were only about an hour behind him and trailed him through Cameron and into the edge of Vass where the trail was lost, darkness having come by that time. The man is said to have told a colored man that he spent that night in the basement of a church in Vass.

Headed for Aberdeen

The next information gathered by officers was that Wallace had eaten breakfast Friday morning at a negro home on Cypress Creek, and

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Peaches Over \$2.00 in Northern Markets

Condition and Prices of Fruit Satisfactory Except Demand at the Sheds

Peaches have been bringing \$2 to \$2.45 a bushel net in the northern markets. The pack that seems to take best is the half-bushel basket so far as it permits a smaller division than the bushel. Not many trucks are showing an interest yet in the peach crop, although it is rather early in season to judge what will be the case when more fruit is ready to go out. An unsatisfactory experience along the roads that pass orchards is the lack of patrons who stop at the pack houses to buy. In previous years some of the orchards expected to sell enough stuff in small lots to carry on the day's expenses, but this year travelers do not seem to care much for what they see in the sheds.

Early Roses are shown up in good shape where fertilizer and cultivation has been right. Some complaints are heard from orchards that used too much soda that the fruit is green on one side and fuzzy, but the orchards that were more generous with cotton seed meal make fewer complaints in this respect. Some of the old standby orchards given indications of big crops of high grade fruit. It is believed that worms will be less in evidence this year than in some years. Reports from Georgia still confirm the reports of a small crop there, smaller perhaps than has been estimated on last reports. Illinois, Arkansas and the West arer all reported as showing poorer prospects and Virginia is said to be in hard luck in the same direction.

Packers say they will ship more or less crate stuff this year, for while baskets have an advantage of less cost of packing, the crates with the small carriers do not put as much weight on the fruit in handling as it gets in the big baskets. In a couple of weeks the Hileys will begin to move, and the last of the month the Belle. Everything so far looks good.

Baseball Games of County League Draw Big Crowds of Sandhills Fans

Aberdeen Continues Winning Strack Vass Wins and Loses Carthage Beats So. Pines

Carthage defeated Southern Pines, Aberdeen took the measure of Pinehurst and Vass-Lakeview of West End in the three games of the Moore County Baseball League played on Wednesday. Large crowds witnessed each battle. Aberdeen with the loss of but one game to date leads the league standing.

With the score at 2 to 2 in the 6th Southern Pines rooters saw their hopes dashed to the ground in the 7th when Carthage put across three runs, following this up with three more in the 9th for a 8 to 2 victory. Burns was on the mound for Carthage up to the last of the 6th when he exchanged positions with 1st Base-man Shields. They both kept the hits well scattered. D. Bowers went the full nine innings for Southern Pines and though hits were bunched against him in two innings, he starred in the field, stopping no less than six hot liners.

Carthage shoved across its first run in the opening inning when Stamey scored, but Fisher lined out a two-bagger for S. P. in the second half and got home on errors, leaving the score tied. Southern Pines went into the lead in the 3d when Bowers scored on a hit by Wilson, but Carthage tied it up again in the 4th when Turnley got around the bases. Carthage staged a grand rally in the 7th, Stamey, Shields and Spence scoring, and repeated in the 8th when Stamey, Duke and Coulmes crosses the plates on bunched hits and fast base running.

The batting order:

Carthage—Stamey, 3b; Duke, 2b; Cagle, cf; Rose, c; Turnley, lf; Shields, 1b and p; Burns, p and 1b; Spence, ss; Myrick and Coulmes, rf.

Southern Pines—C. Montesanti, ss; Bowers, p; Fisher, c; Vann, 3b; Wilson, 1b; Harris, 2b; Miller, cf; Holt, rf; T. Montesanti, lf.

Score by Innings

Carthage1 0 0 1 0 0 3 2 0—8
So. Pines1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—2

Aberdeen 15, Pinehurst 2

The largest crowd of the season in Aberdeen turned out for the game with Pinehurst Wednesday afternoon and was rewarded by seeing its team win to the tune of 15 to 3 in a contest featured by Aberdeen's hitting and fast infield play and by Pinehurst's errors. Ferree, Folley, Bill Maurer, Russell, McLean, Tarlton and Bill Huntley all had their batting eyes with them for Aberdeen, while Aberdeen's pitchers, Don Maurer and Bill Carter, had Pinehurst always at their mercy, only four hits being recorded off their deliveries. Carter pitched the last two innings, allowing one hit and one run.

Huntley celebrated his return to baseball after a recent injury by batting 1,000, scoring a single and a double in his two times up. The fielding of the Aberdeen infield was of the professional type. Aberdeen has lost but one game in the Moore County League series to date, and leads in the standing of the eight clubs.

The batting order of Wednesday's game was:

Pinehurst—Wallace, c; Henderson, H. McKaskill, ss; Grimm, 2b; Spivey, 1b; M. McKaskill, cf; Utley, rf; Kelly, 3b; Currie, lf; Frank McKaskill, p.

Aberdeen—Ferree, 2b; Folley, lf; Bill Maurer, cf; Russell, c; McLean, 1b; Tarlton, 3b; Bobbitt, ss; Leach, Huntley, rf; Don Maurer, Carter, p.

Score by Innings

Pinehurst0 0 0 0 2 0 0 1—3
Aberdeen0 0 8 0 0 1 1 5 x—10

Vass-Lakeview won two and lost one game during the past week. The Twin-City team defeated Southern Pines for the second time this season last Friday at Vass, 9 to 4, a homer by C. L. Tyson of Vass featuring the contest. On Monday Vass met defeat at the hands of Thomas-town, the game being played on the latter's diamond and ending 5 to 1 for the home nine. On Wednesday Vass won from West End 3 to 1 in a close and exciting game at Vass. Last Saturday Aberdeen defeated West End at West End 6 to 3.

Last Week of Movies

Picquet Announces Closing of Southern Pines Theatre on July 9th

The Southern Pines Theatre regrettably closes for an indefinite period on Saturday night, July 9th, Manager Charles W. Picquet announced yesterday. If it is possible to do so, he will arrange to re-open occasionally for some special picture but it is impossible to make any definite promises at this time, he says.

WOOLLEY OR ROWE NAMED TO HEAD SANDHILL POST

Local Legionnaires to Elect New Officers at Annual Meeting Next Week

FULL SLATE NOMINATED

L. L. Woolley of Southern Pines and J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen are the rival candidates for commander of Sandhill Post No. 134, American Legion in the annual election to be held at the Civic Club in Southern Pines on July 6th. The winner will succeed L. V. O'Callaghan, whose term expires after a successful year in office. Woolley and Rowe are the candidates of the nominating committee. Others may be nominated from the floor at the meeting, but there is little expectation of this.

Letters were sent out to all members of the post this week with the slate of candidates to be voted on next Wednesday night. The balance of the list submitted by the nominating committee is as follows:

For 1st vice commander, F. M. Dwight or T. R. Cole; 2d vice commander, W. C. Dinneen or John H. Stephenson; adjutant, J. F. Sinclair or C. P. Everest; finance officer, B. U. Richardson or R. L. Hart; sergeant at arms, J. C. Clarke or Joe Hensley; chaplain, J. Fred Stimson or E. L. Barber; publicity officer, Raymond Kennedy or Nelson C. Hyde; historian, Dr. E. M. Poate or John G. Hemmer; service officers, three to be elected by districts: A. L. Burney or J. Frank Shamburger from Aberdeen; L. V. O'Callaghan or Dr. J. W. Dickie from Southern Pines; R. E. Denny or Dr. Clement Monroe from Pinehurst.

One of the highlights of the accomplishments of the Sandhill post during the year was the organization of the Moore County Baseball League, which is now in full swing and furnishing entertainment and excitement to the people of the county during the quiet summer season. Other work of the post includes relief measures, unemployment aid and assistance for disabled veterans of the World War both here and at the government hospital at Oteen.

DEMOCRATS AT CHICAGO GO "WRINGING WET"

The Democratic party in national convention adopted a "wringing wet" plank in the platform, as the Raleigh News & Observer expresses it, after a warm battle on Wednesday night. North Carolina delegates voted for the minority plank, wet but not as wet as the majority measure. The adopted plank calls for outright repeal of the 18th amendment, and beer and light wines as soon as Congress can so legislate.

FATHER OF C. J. JOHNSON DIES AT BUIES CREEK

Arch Johnson, father of Cliff J. Johnson, proprietor of the Standard Store in Aberdeen, died Wednesday at his home at Buies Creek. He was about 70 years of age. Mr. Johnson suffered a stroke several days ago from which he failed to recover. The funeral was held at the family church near the home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, many from Aberdeen attending.

THREE CAUGHT IN ATTEMPT TO ROB GULF OIL OFFICE

Heavily Armed Trio, Captured in Aberdeen, Held for Superior Court at Carthage

OTHER RECORDER CASES

LeRoy Dennen, Clifton Cockfield and Lee White, three white men from South Carolina, were in court on Monday charged with breaking and entering the Gulf Refining Company's place at Aberdeen, with larceny and carrying a concealed weapon. They were bound to Superior Court under bond of \$1,000 each. The men are said to have been out of prison in South Carolina only a short while.

One of the defendants testified that they had taken his brother-in-law's car, gun and pistols and had broken into a store in South Carolina from which they took articles of clothing and canned goods. They tried to make their get-away, planning to go to Western North Carolina, and were taken in Aberdeen after they had entered the Gulf Company's place of business where they took an alarm clock, a pen and a pencil. In their car they had two sledge hammers, a pair of bolt clips, a gun, two pistols and two bunches of keys. There is a statute in North Carolina which makes it a felony to possess goods for the purpose of burglary, so the three defendants were bound to Superior Court on two charges, breaking and entering the office of the Gulf Refining Company, and under Section 4236 for preparing to commit burglary.

Six Months For Rosser

Fred Rosser, white, who was recently caught at a still, pleaded nolo contendere and was given six months for manufacturing and twelve months suspended for possessing a still.

Ben Taylor, one of the principal actors in a drunken brawl, was given two months on the roads on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and was bound to Superior Court for an assault with a deadly weapon with permanent injury. He appealed to the Superior Court on the concealed weapon and bond was fixed at \$300.

Ought Waddill, colored, and G. M. Upchurch, were charged with violating the prohibition law and driving a car while intoxicated. Waddill was found guilty of driving while intoxicated and both were found guilty of unlawful possession and transporting intoxicating liquors. Waddill was fined \$50 and deprived of his right to drive a car for ninety days and upon payment of the costs prayer for judgment was continued as to Upchurch.

SECOND PRIMARY TOMORROW FOR GOVERNOR AND SENATOR

Tomorrow, Saturday, is the date of the second primary, called by Senator Cameron Morrison and Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain as a result of the failure of their opponents, Robert R. Reynolds and J. C. B. Ehringhaus, respectively, to poll a majority of votes for the offices of U. S. Senator and Governor in the primary on June 2d. Moore county voters will register their choice at the same polling places as a month ago, and are urged to do their duties as citizens and cast their ballots some time between sun-up and sun-down.

BION H. BUTLER TELLS KIWANIS HE'S OPTIMISTIC

Bion H. Butler announced himself still the optimist despite everything at Wednesday's meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, held in the Aberdeen Community House. Mr. Butler addressed the club on short notice but gave one of the most inspiring talks the members had heard in a long time. As the gist of the arguments he set forth is contained in his leading editorial in this issue of The Pilot, this reporter will not endeavor to "cover" the speech here.

Plans for celebrating the Fourth in Southern Pines went askew this week when it was found impossible to procure the band and prominent speaker which the committee had on its program for the occasion.

Bensalem Asks Abolishment, Kiwanis Urges Retention of Health and Welfare Offices

Mass Meeting

Citizens to Gather at Carthage Today to Consider County Economies

A mass meeting of citizens of Moore county will be held at the court house in Carthage at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, Friday, for the purpose of considering recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners for drastic economies in the general expenses of the county. Abolition of certain offices will be considered. All white citizens of the county are urged to be on hand and to take an active part in the proceedings.

ABOLISHMENT OF OFFICES ASKED IN BENSALEM REPORT

Tax Payers Would Do Away with Physician and Demonstration Agents

COMBINE SOME OFFICES

The report of the Bensalem taxpayers is in the nature of a petition to the Board of County Commissioners, and reads as follows:

The organized tax payers of Bensalem township, after holding four meetings with considerable investigation and discussion submit for your approval our recommendations as follows:

Whereas the income of tax payers of this and other parts of the county has been reduced from 50 to 75 percent in the past two or three years and there appears no sign of relief in the near future, and such condition presents an emergency requiring in all fairness that all of our citizens jointly bear the burdens thereof, we therefore feel that our public office holders should accept the recommendations herewith made during this present emergency.

Home Demonstrator—We recommend and insist that this office be abolished. Failing in this, that the salary be 50 per cent of the 1931-32 amount from all sources.

County Demonstrator—We recommend and insist that this office be abolished. Failing this, that the salary from all sources be 50 per cent of the 1931-32 salary.

Health Officer—We recommend that the present county health office be abolished and that the public health work be executed by contract executed between the county commission and the Moore County Medical Society at cost not to exceed \$75 per month; that the charity practice of the county and the dispensing of charity medicine be allocated by the Medical Society and that the physician doing such charity practice receive actual cost of medicine and travel expense.

County Nurse—That the direction of the county nurse be included in the above contract.

County Accountant and County Tax Collector—That the office of county accountant and assistant be abolished and that the duties now performed by same be performed by the tax collector and that he be charged with the responsibility of reporting to the tax assessors all undervaluations of property and property not listed; that the salary of the tax collector remain at \$1,800 per year.

County Auditor—That the county commissioners agree to pay not over \$600 per year for all auditing.

Warden of County Home—That the recent recommendations of the county commissioners be carried out. County Prosecutor and County Attorney—That these offices be combined.

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Answer to Tax Reduction Problem Not To Be Found Here, Kiwanis Reports

SCHOOLS TOO EXPENSIVE

Two reports, one by the organized taxpayers of Bensalem township headed by J. W. Page, the other by the Public Affairs committee of the Kiwanis Club, were prepared this week for submission to the County Board of Commissioners at their next meeting. The former, drastic in its demands, calls for abolishing the offices of home demonstrator, county farm demonstrator, county physician and county accountant and the combining of the offices of county prosecutor and county attorney.

The Kiwanis report reveals the very small saving possible through the abolishment of the health and welfare offices, citing figures to show the few cents of the present tax rate necessary to continue the essential work of the county physician, farm demonstrator and home demonstrator, and holds that the expenditure for these officials is as important as for schools and highways.

That the answer to the problem of reducing taxes in Moore county is not to be found in the elimination of welfare and health officers but possibly in some curtailment of the expenses of maintaining and operating the special school districts is the basis of a report submitted to the Kiwanis Club by its Public Affairs Committee on Wednesday of this week.

The report, written by Paul Dana, expert accountant, of Pinehurst, goes thoroughly into the county's budget, and is sufficiently enlightening to be printed here in full. The report reads:

At the present time there is much discussion throughout the county as to ways and means of reducing the county taxes. The proposition in general is worthy of most earnest consideration by every tax payer, including that of how our taxes are being spent and where reductions can best be made. But we should also give most careful attention to an analysis of our county tax rate.

Beginning with the year 1921 the county tax rate has fluctuated from a low of 67c per \$100.00 property valuation to a high of \$1.18, which was the rate for 1927. In 1931 the rate was 73c, or the lowest in some ten years, and on an assessed value of about \$26,430,000 would bring in approximately \$193,000.00.

If one looks over carefully the tax bills for the past ten years he will note that some 80 to 85 percent of our county taxes have gone consistently for schools and roads. This means that all of the other county activities, including the payment of the courthouse bonds, have been taken care of out of on the average, not over 20 percent, of the total tax.

In 1931 of the 73c tax levy the schools took 28c, highway debt service 14c, and the county and courthouse bonds 8c, a total of 50c.

This left 23c for all of the other county activities summarized as follows:

County General—15c.
County Health—3.
Outside Poor—5c.

At the present time indications point to our being able to reduce the above levy of 50c very slightly so long as we wish to maintain our schools at their present standards, and the credit of the county for the payment of its various bonds. Thus the only place for a reduction would seem to be in the 23c. During these difficult days a total levy of 8c to maintain and assist the health and charitable work of the county does not seem an unreasonable tax levy. This leaves us therefore with 15c County General expenses in which to attempt a tax reduction.

Salaries Reduced
The County Commissioners have been making quite drastic reduction in salaries of our county health offi-

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